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COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT NO. TOPIC Brandis Airfield

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EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

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REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED

1. Between 18 and 28 June 1954, no air activity was observed at Brandis airfield. On 29 June, two MiG-15s practiced firing with live ammunition over the field at an altitude of about 1,000 meters. The attacking aircraft gave a short burst of fire of 2 or 3 rounds at a sleeve target towed by another MiG-15. It approached from the rear at the same altitude as the towing aircraft and attacked at an angle of about 45 degrees. Between 1040 and 1305, the same practice was conducted by 4 MiG-15s which crossed over the field from north to south. The exercise was repeated at an altitude of about 2,000 meters on 30 June. Between 1 and 10 July, no aircraft were parked at the field. The hangars were closed. Jet fighters again crossed over the field.

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2. On 6 July, 8 railroad tank cars each with a capacity of about 20 cubic meters, and about 35 open and closed cars moved to the field. About 1700, slim rectangular bodies which, from a distance of about 1,500 meters, looked like double T-girders, were being unloaded by means of 2 cranes from 4 open cars at the AA gun emplacement.

3. The tents near the AA gun emplacement were removed. No indications of the presence of AA guns could be observed. Also the radio installations were not re-established.

4. From talks it was learned that the unit previously stationed at Brandis airfield was detached to Finsterwalde for re-training on MiG-15s. The unit was expected to return to Brandis in about 6 weeks. Only sick and training personnel were allegedly present at the field.¹

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5. Motor vehicles observed entering and leaving the field included trucks the latter with driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and tank trucks

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1. Comment. The ground attack regiment from Brandis airfield is temporarily stationed at Finsterwalde and Alt Loennewitz airfields where the pilots are re-training on MiG-15s. The rumor on the expected return of the unit appears possible. The purpose of the shipment observed on 6 July 1954 has not been determined.

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2. Comment. Motor vehicle [redacted] have
previously been observed in Werneuchen. Tank trucks [redacted]
[redacted] were previously reported from Meissen and Stendal
respectively.

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